Review of guidelines for acquisition of land for SEZs

902. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have made any review of the guidelines for acquisition of land for Special Economic Zones;
 - (b) if so, details of the revised policy and the guidelines thereof; and
- (c) the details regarding the quantum of agriculture land acquired so far by Government, to convert for use in SEZ Scheme, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) State Governments have been advised that in case of land acquisition for Special Economic Zones, first priority should be for acquisition of waste and barren land and if necessary single crop agricultural land could be acquired for the SEZs. If perforce a portion of double cropped agricultural land has to be acquired to meet the minimum area requirements, especially for multiproduct Special Economic Zones, the same should not exceed 10% of the total land required for the SEZ.

(c) Land being a state subject, decision to identify or allot land for various purposes including SEZ is taken by the respective State Governments in accordance with the policies laid down for the purpose Proposals duly recommended by the State Governments only are granted approval by the Central Government. In the 234 valid formal approvals granted till date the extent of land involved is 33,807 hectares of which approximately 17,800 hectares of land was already in the ownership/ possession of State Industrial Development Corporations. The rest of the lands were those which were already in the possession of the developers. Thus in all these 234 cases, there was no fresh acquisition

of land. State-wise details of number of SEZs formally approved and the extent of land are given below:

S. No. Name of the State/UT		No. of SEZs for which formal approval granted	Area in hectares
1.	Andhra Pradesh	44	9387.957
2.	Chandigarh	02	87.49
3.	Delhi	01	6
4.	Goa	04	290.98
5.	Gujarat	19	9337.25
6.	Haryana	19	818.408
7.	Jharkhand	01	36
8.	Karnataka	27	1566.339
9.	Kerala	10	569.651
10.	Madhya Pradesh	04	71.25
1 1.	Maharashtra	47	8130.8
12.	Orissa	05	. 745.61
13.	Pondicherry	01	346
14.	Punjab	04	252
15	Rajasthan	03	89.23
16.	Tamil Nadu	25	1300.571
17.	Uttaranchal	03	468.2
18.	Uttar Pradesh	980	133.83
19.	West Bengal	07	170.26
	TOTAL	234	33807.826

SEZ in Rajasthan

†903. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of proposals sanctioned by Government for setting up of SEZs during 2005-06 and 2006-07, State-wise:

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